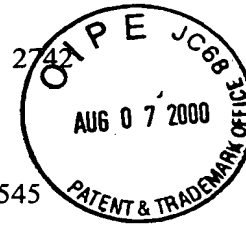


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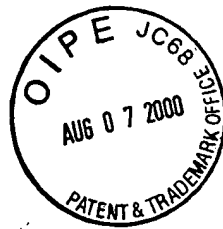
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ABSTRACT

A digital subscriber line communication system on telephone cable comprises number of office xDSL modems placed at CO and connected to telephone cable and number of subscriber premises placed in the building and coupled by into-building telephone lines to a Local Box that connected to said telephone cable, each subscriber premise comprises number of information devices connected to telephone line by HPN interface. A number of xDSL/HPN Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box. Each Subscriber Converter connected to twisted pair of telephone cable and to corresponding flat into-building telephone line to provide a local subscriber loop. Each Subscriber Converter includes a Splitter-Isolator to separate xDSL and HPN signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS (and ISDN) service. A communication system comprises a Video-Server connected to each Subscriber Converter to provide video on demand service .

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates in general to voice and data communication, and more particularly to a communication System on existing twisted pair telephone cable, which uses Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technology.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Existing Plant Old Telephone Service (POTS) ,which basis on twisted pair telephone cable is a most wide-spread information system in the World. In during more than one hundred years after invention of telephone apparatus by Bell the telephone service persistent extends. New kinds of telephone services like cellular telephone or telephone over Internet appears in during last years, but cables network will be dominant information system in 21 Century.

Many new technologies developed in during 20 Century for POTS, from electronic telephone commutations to fiber cable, from Gigabit switches to PCM

Telephone system. Many new services like Internet or LAN use existing telephone channels. In during last 10 years was developed principally new technology of digital multitone signals that permissions to convert existing twisted pair telephone subscriber lines into access paths for multimedia and high speed data communications. A most successful Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) transmits more than 8 Mb/s to a subscriber premise, and as much as 1040 kb/s more in both directions. Such rates expand existing access capacity by actor of 50 or more without new cabling. ADSL can practically transform the existing public information network from one limited to voice, text and low resolution graphics to a powerful, ubiquitous system capable to bringing multimedia, including full motion video, to every home.

An ADSL circuit connects an ADSL modem on each end of twisted-pair telephone line, creating three information channels - a high speed downstream channel, a medium speed duplex channel , and a POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) channel. The POTS channel is splits off from the digital modem by filters, thus guaranteeing uninterrupted POTS, even if ADSL fails. The high-speed downstream channel supports bit rate from 1.5 to 8 Mb/s, while duplex channel supports rate range from 16 to 1040 kb/s. Downstream data rate depend on number of factors, including the length of the copper line, its wire gauge, presence of bridged taps, and cross-coupled interference. Line attenuation increases with line duration and frequency, and decreases as wire diameter increases. Ian typical ADSL will perform as follows:

DATA RATE	WIRE SIZE	DISTANCE
1.5 Mb/s	0.5 mm	5.5 km
1.5 Mb/s	0.4 mm	4.6 km
8 Mb/s	0.5 mm	3.7 km
8 Mb/s	0.4 mm	2.7 km

One of the problems of ADSL is necessary to rewire existing telephone home network inside subscriber premise and to put special splitter device for dividing voice and ADSL signals at subscriber premise. For eliminate splitter and rewiring of home network, was developed G.Lite ADSL system, in which separating of ADSL and voice signals realizes by putting special microfilters in serial with every Home Telephone Set. But the G.Lite system supports only 1.5 Mb/s data rate in downstream direction that make unacceptable video on demand service. More, the microfilter, placed in serial with telephone decreases quality of voice communication.

Another problem of ADSL is into-building wiring, which was not designed to high-speed data communication. Practically, for into-building wiring is used flat pair cable, which has unpredictable characteristic and is very sensitive to RF noise.

Another problem of ADSL is that a customer must have an ADSL home modem and a personal computer at the subscriber premise. Every device in the home, which is needed high- speed data service from Telephone Station, like: Video-Phone, Digital TV, HI-FI Digital Audio, must be connected to ADSL home modem only through personal computer. Practically it means, that in home must be two independent networks: existing telephone network and additional digital data network.

Another problem of ADSL is that only one home modem may talk with office modem at the same time. If subscriber has several computers, only one from them may be connected to telephone line.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, the disadvantages and problems associated with ADSL system have been substantially reduced or eliminated. In particular, a "DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" (DSLCS) provides voice and data service to subscriber premise using existing into-building wiring without installation any special communication equipment inside subscriber premise. Any device in the home that needs high speed data service from Telephone Station, like: Video Phone, Digital TV, HI-FI Digital Audio, Personal Computers and e.g., may be connected directly to existing telephone jacks inside customer apartment. A Common telephone and fax apparatus may be connected to the same jacks. Practically, customer may not know anything's about Subscriber Telecommunication System that he uses. A Customer no needs ADSL modem and may get some special data services (for example, for Digital TV or HI-FI Digital Audio Broadcast) without using of PC.

The main Principe of the present invention is to use a special Subscriber Converter, placed into subscriber building and connected between a into-building part and a cable part of the same subscriber local loop. A Subscriber Converter uses different communication methods (standards) and different line signals on the into-building part and cable part of the same subscribers local loop. A subscriber Converter comprises Splitter-Isolator device that separates data signals on the into-building part and cable part of the same subscriber local loop and provides uninterrupted POTS telephone service.

A number of Subscriber Converters, placed into a Local Building Communication Box (Local Box), provide voice and data service to a corresponding number of subscribers premises of the services building. An existing telephone cable and into-building wiring are connected to a Local Box.

In accordance with basis embodiment of the present invention a Subscriber Converter comprises a xDSL AFE (Analog Front End) device connected to twisted pair of telephone cable; a HPN (Home Phoneline Network) AFE device connected to flat (or twisted) pair of into-building wiring ; and digital xDSL/HPN Converter device. A

digital xDSL/HPN Converter device provides data exchange between xDSL AFE device and HPNA AFE device to realize communication between Central Office equipment and subscribers premise equipment. A Subscriber Converter comprises Splitter-Isolator device separates HPN and xDSL line signals those are transmitted over different parts of subscriber local loop, and provides uninterrupted POTS telephone service.

A Subscriber Converter in one embodiment further comprises a Computer-Server connected to said digital xDSL/HPN Converter device.

A Subscriber Converter in another embodiment further comprises an digital interface port , for example Ethernet port , connected to said Computer-Server .

10 One of xDSL standards (for example ADSL standard) , those were developed for communication over twisted pair telephone cable, is using for communication between a Subscriber Converter and Central Office (CO) of Telephone Station.

15 One of HPN standards (for example HPNA-2 standard) , those were developed for communication over flat (or twisted) pair into-building wiring , is using for communication between a Subscriber Converter and subscriber premise.

In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention the communication system further comprising a Video-Server device, placed into Local Box and connected to each Subscriber Converter by said interface digital port.

20 In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention the communication system further comprising :

A satellite TV broadcast antenna placed on the roof of the said building , and

A satellite TV broadcast Receiver (TV-Receiver) connected to said satellite TV broadcast antenna , and

A video MPEG Encoder connected to said receiver, and

25 A digital Video-Multiplexer connected to MPEG encoder and to said Video-Server device.

In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention the communication system further comprising :

30 A number of cable TV receivers (Cable Receiver) connected to number of cable TV providers by coaxial cable , and

A number of video MPEG Encoders connected to number of said receivers, and

A digital Video-Multiplexer connected to number of said MPEG Encoders and to said Video-Server device.

In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention the communication system further comprising :

A Fiber-Optic Receiver connected to fiber-optic line and to said Video-Server device.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a more complete understanding of the present invention, and for further features and advantages, reference is now made to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which :

FIG.1 illustrates DSLCS in basic embodiment.

FIG.2 illustrates a Subscriber Converter in basic embodiment.

FIG.3 illustrates one embodiment of DSLCS.

10 FIG.4 illustrates one embodiment of a Subscriber Converter.

FIG.5 illustrates another embodiment of DSLCS.

FIG.6 illustrates another embodiment of DSLCS.

FIG.7 illustrates a Video-Server device in one embodiment.

FIG.8 illustrates another embodiment of DSLCS.

15 FIG.9 illustrates another embodiment of DSLCS.

FIG.10 illustrates another embodiment of DSLCS.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Fig.1 illustrates Digital Subscriber Line Communication System in accordance with basic embodiment of present invention.

The communication system 101 comprises Central Office (CO) 103 of telephone station, coupled to services building 107 by twisted pair telephone cable 105. A number of xDSL office modems 106 placed on CO 103 connected to number of twisted pairs 121 of telephone cable 105. Each xDSL modem 106 is connected to telephone network 135 and to data network 137 to provide data and POTS service to corresponding subscriber. The building 107 comprises number of subscriber premises 109 and Local Box 123. The Local Box 127 is coupled to CO 103 by telephone cable 105 and to each subscriber premise 109 by into-building flat (or twisted) pair 111. Each subscriber premise comprises telephone 115 and number of Personal Computers (PC) 113. Each PC 113 is connected directly to subscriber telephone line 119 and includes internal HPN (Home Phoneline Network) interface device 114. The telephone 115 is directly connected to the same telephone line 119.

The Local building box 123 comprises number of xDSL/HPN Subscriber Converters 125. Each Subscriber Converter 125 is connected to corresponding subscriber premise 109 by into-building flat (or twisted) pair 111 and to corresponding office xDSL modem 106 by corresponding subscriber twisted pair 121 of telephone cable 105.

Fig.2 illustrates a Subscriber Converter in accordance with basic embodiment of present invention.

The Subscriber Converter 125 comprises a Splitter-Isolator 203, connected between input connector 205 and output connector 207, xDSL AFE device 209 coupled to input connector 205, HPN AFE device 211 coupled to output connector 207, and digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 coupled to xDSL AFE device 209 and to HPN AFE device 211. A Computer-Server 215 is coupled to said digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 and to digital Interface Port 217.

An input connector 205 is connected to twisted pair 121 of telephone cable , an output connector 207 is connected to flat (or twisted) pair 111 of into-building wiring. A twisted pair 121, xDSL/HPN Converter and flat (or twisted) pair 111 provides a local loop to subscriber premise.

The communication system 101 provides voice and digital data service to every subscriber premise 109 of the building 107. Voice signals from telephone network 135 come to subscriber twisted pair 121 of telephone cable 105 through POTS-Splitter of CO xDSL Equipment. Data signals from data network 137 are converted to xDSL line signals by office modem 106 and come to the same subscriber twisted pair 121. A CO uses standard xDSL equipment like ADSL (VDSL) modems and works in the same way as existing ADSL (VDSL) system. Voice signals from telephone 115 inside subscriber premise come to a flat (or twisted) pair 111 of into-building wiring. Data signals from PC 113 are converted to HPN line signals by HPN interfaces block 114 and come to the same flat (or twisted) pair 111 of into-building wiring. Voice signals passes without attenuation through Splitter-Isolator 203 of Subscriber Converter 125. A conversion of HPN line signals to ADSL line signals carries out inside Subscriber Converter 125. HPN line signals are converted into digital form by HPN AFE device 211 and passes to Digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 , that realizes digital signal processing of digital HPN signals and decodes information data . An information data stores into internal memory. Another part of Digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 reads information data from internal memory and realizes digital signal processing to convert said data to discrete xDSL signals. A xDSL AFE device 209 converts discrete xDSL signals to analog xDSL line signals. A Computer-Server 215 realizes data exchange with internal memory of digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 and store database information, which may be used by customer . For example, Computer-Server may be programmed by customer to store and automatically update by Internet some news, sport information, business information and e.g. A digital Interface Port 217 may be used for many additional services as will be further described. A conversion of line xDSL signal, received from CO to HPN line signal realizes by Subscriber Converter 125 in the same way. Received xDSL signal converts by xDSL AFE device 209 into discrete form and processes by digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 to decode an information data. An

information data stores into internal memory. Another part of Digital xDSL/HPN Converter device 213 reads information data from internal memory and realizes digital signal processing to convert said data to discrete HPN signals. A HPN AFE device 209 converts discrete HPN signals to analog HPN line signals.

The communication system, described above, includes several technical advantages in comprising with existing DSL system.

- a) The DSLCS not needed in rewiring of existing into-building wires, like full rate ADSL and no need in microfilters, like splitterless ADSL.
- b) The DSLCS has very high performance of xDSL communication with CO, because it uses twisted pair of telephone cable directly connected to input of Subscriber Converter. Such connection decreases noise and RF interference on xDSL line and terminates bridge tapes problem, which is common for splitterless ADSL.
- c) Every PC in the subscriber premise may be connected to CO at the same time using xDSL/HPN Converter.
- d) Any device in the home that needs high speed data service from Telephone Station, like: Video Phone, Digital TV, HI-FI Digital Audio, and e.g., may be connected directly to existing telephone jacks inside customer apartment. A customer no needs personal computer for getting such services.
- e) A Computer-Server of a Subscriber Converter may support many different services for customer. Particularly, said Computer-Server may replace customers PC. In this case only simple Terminal Device may be placed at subscriber premise. Said Terminal Device may execute function of Video-Phone, function of personal computer, function of Internet Information device, function of remote control of different home mechanisms.

The basis embodiment of present invention may be realized in several versions with using different xDSL (ADSL, VDSL, SDSL, HDSL) and HPN (HPNA-1, HPNA-2, NDSL) standards and line signals.

Fig.3 illustrates one embodiment of present invention that uses ADSL DMT standard for communication to CO and HPNA-2 standard for communication inside building. The communication system 301 supports home network communication with

bit rate 10 Mb/s , a Downstream from CO with bit rate up to 10 Mb/s (for 3 km distance) and an Upstream to CO with bit rate 1 Mb/s.

The communication system 301 comprises Central Office (CO) 303 of telephone station, coupled to services building 307 by twisted pair telephone cable 305. A number of ADSL office modems 306 placed on CO 303 are connected to number of twisted pairs 321 of telephone cable 305. Each ADSL modem 306 is connected to telephone network 335 and to data network 337 to provide data and POTS service to corresponding subscriber. The building 307 comprises number of subscriber premises 309 and Local Box 323. The Local Box 327 is coupled to CO 303 by telephone cable 305 and to each subscriber premise 309 by into-building flat (or twisted) pair 311. Each subscriber premise comprises telephone 315 and number of Personal Computers (PC) 313. Each PC 313 is connected directly to subscriber telephone line 319 and includes 10 MHz Home Phonetline Network Alliance (HPNA-2) interface device 314. The telephone 315 is directly connected to the same telephone line 319.

The Local building box 323 comprises number of ADSL/HPNA-2 Subscriber Converters 325, each Subscriber Converter 325 is connected to corresponding subscriber premise 309 by into-building flat (or twisted) pair 311 and to corresponding office ADSL modem 306 by corresponding subscriber twisted pair 321 of telephone cable 305.

Fig.4 illustrates a Subscriber Converter in accordance with said embodiment of present invention.

The Subscriber Converter 325 comprises a Splitter-Isolator 403 , connected between input connector 405 and output connector 407, ADSL AFE device 409 coupled to input connector 405 , HPNA-2 AFE device 411 coupled to output connector 407, and digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter device 413 coupled to ADSL AFE device 409 and to HPNA-2 AFE device 411. A Computer-Server 415 is coupled to said digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter device 413 and to digital Interface Port 417.

An input connector 405 is connected to twisted pair 321 of telephone cable , an output connector 407 is connected to flat (or twisted) pair 311 of into-building wiring. A twisted pair 321, ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter 325 and flat (or twisted) pair 311 provides a local loop to subscriber premise.

A Splitter-Isolator 403 comprises high-pass filter 421, low pass filter 423 and HPN line transformer 425. An input ADSL signal from twisted pair 321 of telephone cable comes to input of ADSL AFE device 409 through high pass filter capacitors 425. An input voice signal comes to output connector 407 without attenuation through low-pass filter 423, because frequency diapason of voice signals is about 0.3 - 4 kHz and bandwidth of low-pass filter 423 is about 8kHz . ADSL line signals are allocated in diapason 30kHz - 1.1MHz , HPNA-2 signals are allocated in diapason 4MHz- 10MHz. The low-pass filter 423 has high attenuation for ADSL and HPNA-2 signals (about 60 - 80 dB) and isolates line signals on into-building part and cable part of subscriber local loop. HPNA-2 signals are inserts on flat (or twisted) into-building pair 311 by HPN line transformer 425, which has very low impedance for voice signals. An output capacitor 427 of low pass filter 423 has very low impedance for HPNA-2 signals.

ADSL AFE device 409 comprises ADSL line transformer 429, Line Driver IC 431, and ADSL AFE IC 433. Resistors 435 are using for matching of device 409 impedance with impedance of twisted pair 321. A Line Driver 431 is one from popular IC's, which was developed for ADSL by Texas Instrument (THS6012, THS6022) , by Analog Devices (AD8016, AD8012). An ADSL AFE IC 433 is one from devices, which was developed by Texas Instrument, by Analog Devices . An ADSL AFE IC 433 comprises analog receiver filter 451, analog transmitter filter 453, Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) 455, Digital to Analog Converter 457 and Digital Parallel Interface block 459. An ADSL AFE IC 433 converts received DMT signals to 14 bit output digital words, and produces analog DMT signals from 14 bit input digital words. An input digital word comes to AFE IC 433 by input bus 461. An output digital word goes on output bus 463.

A HPNA-2 AFE device 411 is one from IC's, which was developed for HPNA-2 by Epigram , by Lucent , by Broadcom . A HPNA-2 AFE device 411 comprises Line Driver 465, a receives filter 467, Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) 469, Digital to Analog Converter 471 and Digital Parallel Interface block 473. An HPNA-2 AFE IC 411 converts received QAM signals to 12 bit output digital words, and produces transmitted QAM signals from 12 bit input digital words. An input digital word comes to HPNA_2 device 411 by input bus 475. An output digital word goes on output bus 477.

A digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter device 413 is a VLSI Circuit. This device comprises first DSP 479 and first program Memory 481 that includes micro-program of ADSL signals processing, second DSP 483 and second program Memory 485 that includes micro-program of HPNA-2 signals processing, data exchange controller 487, buffer RAM 489 and control processor 491. A first DSP 479 works by controlling of first program memory 481 and connected to ADSL AFE IC 433 by input bus 461 and by output bus 463. A second DSP 483 works by controlling of second program memory 485 and connected to HPNA-2 AFE IC 411 by input bus 475 and by output bus 477.

A Computer-Server 415 comprises CPU 495, program/data memory 497 and hard-disk 499. A Computer-Server 415 is connected to a control processor 491 of digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter device 413 and to digital Interface Port 417 by PCI bus 493.

The communication system 301 provides voice and digital data service to every subscriber premise 309 of the building 307. Voice signals from telephone network 335 come to subscriber twisted pair 321 of telephone cable 305 through POTS-splitter of CO ADSL equipment. Data signals from data network 337 are converted to ADSL DMT line signals by office modem 306 and come to the same subscriber twisted pair 321. A CO uses standard ADSL modems and works in the same way as existing ADSL system. Voice signals from telephone 315 inside subscriber premise come to a flat (or twisted) pair 311 of into-building wiring. Data signals from PC 313 are converted to QAM line signals by HPNA-2 interface block 314 and come to the same flat (or twisted) pair 311 of into-building wiring. Voice signals passes without attenuation through Splitter-Isolator 403 of Subscriber Converter 325. A conversion of QAM line signals to DMT line signals provides inside Subscriber Converter 325. The QAM line signals are converted into digital form by HPNA-2 AFE IC 411 and passes to second DSP 483 of Digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter IC 413 that realizes digital signal processing of digital QAM signals and decodes information data. An information data stores into internal memory. First DSP 479 of Digital xDSL/HPN Converter IC 413 reads information data from internal memory and realizes Digital signal processing to convert said data to discrete DMT signals. A ADSL AFE device 409 converts discrete DMT signals to analog DMT line signals. A Computer-Server 415 realizes data exchange with internal

memory of digital ADSL/HPN Converter IC 413 and store database information, which may be used by customer . For example, Computer-Server may be programmed by customer to store and automatically update by Internet news, sport information, business information and e.g. A digital Interface Port 417 may be used for many additional services as will be further described. A conversion of line DMT signal, received from CO to QAM line signals provides by Subscriber Converter 325 in the same way. Received DMT signals converts by ADSL AFE device 209 into discrete form and processes by first DSP 479 of digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter device 413 to decode an information data. An information data stores into internal memory . Second DSP 483 of

10 Digital ADSL/HPNA-2 Converter device 213 reads information data from internal memory and realizes Digital signal processing to convert said data to discrete QAM signals. A HPNA-2 AFE device 209 converts discrete QAM signals to analog QAM line signals.

15 A Computer-Server 415 of a Subscriber Converter 325 may supports many different services for customer. Particularly, said Computer-Server may replace customers PC. In this case only simple Terminal Device may be placed at subscriber premise. Said Terminal Device may execute function of Video-Phone, function of personal computer, function of Internet Information device, function of remote control of different home mechanisms.

20 FIG.5 illustrates one embodiment of subscribers part of DSLCS in accordance with present invention.

A Local Box 323 is connected to telephone cable 305 and provides data and voice to number of subscriber premises 308, 309, 310. Each subscriber premise connected to individual Subscriber Converter 325 by into-building pair 311. Different

25 customer devices are connected at different subscriber premises. The subscriber premise 309 comprises two PCs 313 that are connected to telephone line 319 by HPNA-2 interface blocks 314 and common telephone 315. The subscriber premise 308 comprises Video-Phone 354 and IP-Telephone 355 are connected to telephone line 319 by HPNA-2 interface blocks 314, and common telephone 315. An IP-Telephone 355, a Video-

30 Phone 354 and a Telephone 315 may work simultaneously to provide three voice channels over subscriber local loop. Number of IP-Telephones that may be connected to

subscriber local loop practically is not limited (more than 20 units). A Video-Phone 354 may work together with Computer-Server of Subscriber Converter 325. In this case a Video-Phone may support Internet service to customer.

The subscriber premise 310 comprises HD-TV 335, Terminal Device 337, DVD Player 341, digital audio Type-Recorder 339 are connected to telephone line 319 by HPNA-2 interface blocks 314, and common telephone 315. The Subscriber premise 310 comprises wireless set-top box 343 that controls different home devices and mechanism's by RF frequency.

An HD-TV 335 may get as video program from CO so video film from DVD Recorder 341. A Terminal device 337 works together with Computer-Server of Subscriber Converter to replace PC and may control every device connected to telephone line 319. As understood, Subscriber Converter is always-connected device and may be programmed by Terminal device 337 to monitor different home devices and mechanism's using wireless set-top box 343.

Many other further services may be provided by DSLCS without placing a PC at subscriber premise, for example: printing newsletter or interesting for customer news, mailing service, fax service, Internet and e.g.

Fig.6 illustrates Digital Subscriber Line Communication System in accordance with one embodiment of present invention.

The communication system 601 comprises Central Office (CO) 303 of telephone station, coupled to serviced building 307 by twisted pair telephone cable 305. A number of ADSL office modems 306 placed on CO 303 are connected to number of twisted pairs 321 of telephone cable 305. Each ADSL modem is connected to telephone network 335 and to data network 337 to provide data and POTS service to corresponding subscriber. The building 307 comprises number of subscriber premises 309 and local building communication box 323. The local building box 323 is coupled to CO 303 by telephone cable 305 and to each subscriber premise 309 by into-building flat (or twisted) pair 311. Each subscriber premise comprises telephone 315, HDTV television Set 335 and Personal Computers (PC) 313. A HDTV television Set 335 is connected directly to subscriber telephone line 319 and includes MPEG Decoder 351 and HPNA-2 interface device 314. PC 313 is connected directly to subscriber telephone line

319 and includes HPNA-2 interface device 314 . The telephone 315 is directly connected to the same telephone line 319.

The Local building box 323 comprises number of ADSL/HPNA-2 Subscriber Converters 325 , each Subscriber Converter 325 is connected to corresponding subscriber premise 309 by into-building flat (or twisted) pair 311 and to corresponding office ADSL modem 306 by corresponding subscriber twisted pair 321 of telephone cable 305.

The Local building box 323 comprises Video-Server 375 connected to each Subscriber Converter 325 by its Interface Port 417 and interface cable 379. A Video-Server 375 provides to customer video on demand service, video-library service, database service.

Fig.7 illustrates a Video-Server 375 in one embodiment. A Video-Server 375 comprises a big size Memory 501, a Memory Controller 503, a Host Computer 505, number of Interface Controllers 507 corresponding to number of Subscriber Converters 325; each interface controller 507 connected to buffer RAM 509 and to corresponding Subscriber Converter 325 by interface cable 379. Each buffer RAM 509 connected to Memory 501 by bus 511. A high speed interface port 513 connected to Demultiplexer 515. A Interface Port 517 connected to Host Computer 505 and provides control of external Video Equipment that will be described in following. A number of RAM's 519 are connected to Demultiplexer 515 and to Memory 501 by bus 521. A Host Computer 505 controls every device of Video-Server 375 and works by program, stored in its program memory. This program may be loaded from Floppy Disk or from CO, using one of Subscriber Converters. The Host Computer is able to talk with every customer device and with each office xDSL modem, placed at CO. The Host Computer 505 supports video on demand service and video-library service for each customer connected to Local Box 323. A high speed interface port 513 and Demultiplexer 515 are use for connection of external equipment as will be described in following .

a) Video on demand service.

Digital Subscriber Line Communication System Fig.6 provides video on demand service by next way. A customer establish a communication with Computer-Server 415 of his

Subscriber Converter 325 from PC 313 or Terminal Device 337 . After that, a customer is connected to Host computer 505 of Video-Server 375 and may order a Video Film by sending to Host Computer 505 a corresponding Internet URL code. A Video-Server 375 establish communication with Video-Provider 302 connected to Data Network 337 of CO. A Video-Server 375 uses for communication with Video-Provider 302 all Subscriber Converters 325 that are not busy by customers. A Video-Provider 302 transmits video film by data packets with low bit rate, for example 1.5 Mb/s, using ADSL downstream signals of office ADSL modems 306 connected to said Video-Server 375. Each data packet includes ID number that comprises information about transmitted film and serial number of packet. A received by Subscriber Converter data packet goes through Interface Port 417 to the Video-Server 375. An Interface Controller 507 writes said data packet to Buffer RAM 503. A Host Computer 505 reads ID number of data packet stored into each Buffer RAM 503 and writes said packet to Memory 501 in accordance with ID numbers to produce a video film File. After transmission end , a Host Computer inserts name of said file into Catalog and sends to customer corresponding message. A film Catalog is stored in Memory 501 and is acceptable for all customers , connected to Local Box 323.

A customer may see any film from Catalog using Subscriber Converter and HPN interface of HD-TV, placed at subscriber premise.

A Video-Server 375 may realize a video-film loading in during off-peak hours , for example, at night. As understand, a Memory 501 may store not only video-films but any others files that a customer needs. For example , each customer may assignee part of memory for storing a backup of PC, useful books, some program and e.g.

b) Video Library service.

A Video Library service provides by the same Equipment. A Video-Provider 302 uses part of Memory 501 for Video-Library that includes , for example, 20 video films. A provider supports Video Library by transmitting to a Video-Server , for example one new film every night. A provider automatically gets from Video-Server information about customer access to Video-Library that may improve quality of service.

Fig.8 illustrates another embodiment of the invention that supports TV Broadcast service. The communication system 701 comprises TV satellite antenna 369, placed at the roof of building 307 and connected by coaxial cable 365 to TV satellite Receiver 367, placed inside Local Box 323. A TV satellite Receiver 367 connected to MPEG Coder 361 and to Multiplexer 363 that is connected to Video-Server 375. A received TV Broadcast signal does from satellite antenna 369 to TV satellite Receiver 367 that is controlled by Host Computer 505 of a Video-Server 375. A TV satellite Receiver 367 amplifies RF signals and realizes its down conversion to IF frequency. A Receiver 367
10 comprises multichannel IF demodulator that may be tuned by Host Computer 505 to receive number of TV channels. A multichannel MPEG Coder converts number of video signals to number of data streams. Each data stream has bit rate about 6 Mb/s. Said datastreams unite by Multiplexer 363 to high speed data stream 155 Mb/s. that transmits to high speed interface port 513 of Video-Server 375 by coaxial cable 378. An interface
15 cable 381 connects Receiver 367 to interface port 517 of Video-Server 375.

Each customer may establish a connection of his HD-TV 335 to any of received video-signals by programming of the Demultiplexer 515. A Host Computer realize programming of a Demultiplexer 515 in accordance with commands sent by customer from PC 313. Additionally some video signal may be stored in memory 501, for example
20 news.

Fig.9 illustrates another embodiment of the invention that additionally supports Cable TV. The communication system 901 additionally comprises number of Cable TV Receivers 383 placed into Local box 323 and connected to different Cable TV provides 304 by coaxial cables 385. Each Cable TV Receiver 383 connected to multichannel
25 MPEG Coder 387. A multichannel MPEG Coder 387 connected to Multiplexer 363. A Multiplexer 363 connected to Video-Server 375.

The communication system 901 provide data and voice services from CO, TV Satellite Broadcast service and Cable TV service from several Cable TV providers. A customer gets every TV service only by HPN . It make possible a billing of each service
30 by sending to each provider (by ADSL CO Equipment) a information about using TV channels.

Fig. 10 illustrates another embodiment of the invention that will be very useful in the future. The communication system 1001 comprises a Fiber Opto Receiver 391, connected by fiber line 393 to high speed data service provider 395 and to high speed interface port of Video-Server 375. A communication system 1001 uses for Home Network communication 100Mb/s HPNA-3 interface blocks 314. A fiber cable supports bit rate about 155 Mb/s and replaces all TV receiving equipment.

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Although the present invention has been described with several embodiments, a myriad of changes, variations, alterations, and modifications may be suggested to one skilled in the art, and it is intended that the present invention encompass such changes, variations, alterations, and modifications as fall within the spirit and scope of appended claims.

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CLAIMS

The claimed invention is as follows:

5 1. A digital subscriber line communication system on telephone cable , comprising :

A number of office xDSL modems placed at Central Office (CO) of Telephone Station and connected to number of twisted pair of subscriber telephone cable on the
10 station end ; and

A number of subscriber premises placed in the building and coupled by flat (or twisted) pair into-building telephone lines to a Local Box, each subscriber premise comprises number of information devices connected to telephone line by HPN interface and number of telephone sets directly connected to said telephone line ; and

15 A said telephone cable coupled on subscriber end to said Local Box; and

A number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box; each Subscriber Converter connected to twisted pair of telephone cable and to corresponding flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line to provide a local subscriber loop; each Subscriber Converter comprises an xDSL AFE device connected to said twisted pair of
20 telephone cable, an HPN AFE device connected to said flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line, a digital xDSL to HPN Converter device connected to xDSL AFE device and to HPN AFE device, and a Splitter-Isolator that connected between said twisted pair of telephone cable and said into-building flat (or twisted) pair to separate xDSL and HPN signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS and (ISDN) service.

25 2. A digital subscriber line communication system on telephone cable , comprising :

A number of office ADSL modems placed at Central Office (CO) of Telephone Station and connected to number of twisted pair of subscriber telephone cable on the station end ; and

A number of subscriber premises placed in the building and coupled by flat (or
30 twisted) pair into-building telephone lines to a Local Box, each subscriber premise comprises number of information devices connected to telephone line by HPNA-2 interface and number of telephone sets directly connected to said telephone line ; and

A said telephone cable coupled on subscriber end to said Local Box; and

A number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box; each Subscriber Converter connected to twisted pair of telephone cable and to corresponding flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line to provide a local subscriber loop; each Subscriber Converter comprises an ADSL AFE device connected to said twisted pair of telephone cable, an HPNA-2 AFE device connected to said flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line, a digital ADSL to HPNA-3 Converter device connected to ADSL AFE device and to HPNA-2 AFE device, and a Splitter-Isolator that connected between said twisted pair of telephone cable and said into-building flat (or twisted) pair to separate ADSL and HPNA-2 signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS and (ISDN) service.

3. A digital subscriber line communication system on telephone cable , comprising :

A number of office VDSL modems placed at Central Office (CO) of Telephone Station and connected to number of twisted pair of subscriber telephone cable on the station end ; and

A number of subscriber premises placed in the building and coupled by flat (or twisted) pair into-building telephone lines to a Local Box, each subscriber premise comprises number of information devices connected to telephone line by HPNA-3 interface and number of telephone sets directly connected to said telephone line ; and

A said telephone cable coupled on subscriber end to said Local Box; and

A number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box; each Subscriber Converter connected to twisted pair of telephone cable and to corresponding flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line to provide a local subscriber loop; each Subscriber Converter comprises an VDSL AFE device connected to said twisted pair of telephone cable, an HPNA-3 AFE device connected to said flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line, a digital VDSL to HPNA-3 Converter device connected to VDSL AFE device and to HPNA-3 AFE device, and a Splitter-Isolator that connected between said twisted pair of telephone cable and said into-building flat (or twisted) pair to separate VDSL and HPNA-3 signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS and (ISDN) service.

4. The communication system of claim 1, comprising a number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box, each Subscriber Converter further comprises a Computer-Server connected to said digital xDSL to HPN Converter device.
5. The communication system of claim 4, comprising a number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box, each Subscriber Converter further comprises an interface digital port , for example Ethernet port , connected to said Computer-Server .
6. The Subscriber Converter of claim 1 further comprising a xDSL AFE IC coupled to twisted pair of telephone cable, a HPN AFE IC coupled to flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line , a digital xDSL to HPN Converter IC coupled to xDSL AFE IC and to HPN AFE IC , and a Splitter-Isolator that connected between said twisted pair of telephone cable and said into-building flat (or twisted) pair to separate VDSL and HPNA-3 signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS service.
7. The Subscriber Converter of claim 6 further comprising a ADSL AFE IC coupled to twisted pair of telephone cable, a HPNA-2 AFE IC coupled to flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line , a digital ADSL to HPNA-2 Converter IC coupled to ADSL AFE IC and to HPNA-2 AFE IC , and a Splitter-Isolator that connected between said twisted pair of telephone cable and said into-building flat (or twisted) pair to separate ADSL and HPNA-2 signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS service.
8. The Subscriber Converter of claim 6 further comprising a VDSL AFE IC coupled to twisted pair of telephone cable, a HPNA-3 AFE IC coupled to flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line , a digital VDSL to HPNA-3 Converter IC coupled to VDSL AFE IC and to HPNA-3 AFE IC , and a Splitter-Isolator that connected between said twisted pair of telephone cable and said into-building flat (or twisted) pair to separate VDSL and HPNA-3 signals and to provide uninterrupted POTS service.
9. The digital xDSL to HPN Converter IC of claim 6 comprising :
- First DSP coupled to xDSL AFE IC , to first program memory and to internal RAM ; said DSP realizes a conversion of xDSL signals to information data and vice versa ,
- Second DSP coupled to HPN AFE IC , to second program memory and to internal RAM ; said DSP realizes a conversion of HPN signals to information data and vice versa ,

A data exchange controller connected to internal RAM, to first DSP and to second DSP to realize exchange between information data that carries by xDSL and by HPN signals, and:

A control processor connected to first DSP, to second DSP and to data exchange controller to support a communication process and data exchange with external devices.

10. A communication system of claim 5 , further comprising :

A Video-Provider Equipment coupled to number of office xDSL modems placed at Central Office (CO) of Telephone Station and connected to number of twisted pair of subscriber telephone cable on the station end ; and

A number of subscriber premises placed in the building and coupled by flat (or twisted) pair into-building telephone lines to a Local Box, each subscriber premise comprises number of video-information devices connected to telephone line by HPN interface and number of telephone sets directly connected to said telephone line ; and

A said telephone cable coupled on subscriber end to said Local Box; and

A number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box; each Subscriber Converter connected to twisted pair of telephone cable and to corresponding flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line to provide a local subscriber loop; each Subscriber Converter comprises a Computer-Server connected to digital interface port; and;

A Video-Server placed into said Local Box and connected to each Subscriber Converter by said digital interface port; a Video-Server comprises a big capacity memory device that is able to store number of video films and data exchange device that is able to support data exchange between any Subscriber Converter and said memory device; a Video-Server is able to establish communication between said memory device and Video-Provider Equipment using number of office xDSL modems and number of Subscriber Converters those are not busy by customers.

11. A communication system of claim 10 , further comprising :

A Video-Provider Equipment coupled to number of office xDSL modems placed at Central Office (CO) of Telephone Station and connected to number of twisted pair of subscriber telephone cable on the station end ; and

A number of subscriber premises placed in the building and coupled by flat (or twisted) pair into-building telephone lines to a Local Box, each subscriber premise comprises number of video-information devices connected to telephone line by HPN interface and number of telephone sets directly connected to said telephone line ; and

A said telephone cable coupled on subscriber end to said Local Box; and

A number of Subscriber Converters placed into said Local Box; each Subscriber Converter connected to twisted pair of telephone cable and to corresponding flat (or twisted) pair of into-building telephone line to provide a local subscriber loop; each Subscriber Converter comprises a Computer-Server connected to digital interface port; and;

A TV-Broadcast Satellite antenna placed of the roof of said building and connected by coaxial cable to multichannel TV satellite receiver placed into said Local Box and connected to multichannel MPEG Coder to provide number of digital TV channels , and

A Multiplexer connected to said MPEG Coder to realize time multiplexing of number of digital TV signals to high speed data stream; and

A Video-Server placed into said Local Box and connected to each Subscriber Converter by said digital interface port; a Video-Server comprises a big capacity memory device that is able to store number of video films and data exchange device that is able to support data exchange between any Subscriber Converter and said memory device; a Video-Server is able to establish communication between said memory device and Video-Provider Equipment using number of office xDSL modems and number of Subscriber Converters those are not busy by customers; a Video-Server comprises high speed digital interface port connected to said Multiplexer, and Demultiplexer coupled to data exchange device to provide TV-Broadcast service to each subscriber premise.

12. A communication system of claim 10 , further comprising :

A number of multichannel Cable-TV Receivers placed into Local Box and connected by coaxial cable to different Cable-TV Providers ; each Cable-TV receiver connected to multichannel MPEG Coder to provide number of digital TV channels , and

A Multiplexer connected to said MPEG Coder to realize time multiplexing of number of digital TV signals to high speed data stream; and

A Video-Server placed into said Local Box and connected to each Subscriber Converter by said digital interface port; a Video-Server comprises a big capacity memory device that is able to store number of video films and data exchange device that is able to support data exchange between any Subscriber Converter and said memory device; a Video-Server is able to establish communication between said memory device and Video-Provider Equipment using number of office xDSL modems and number of Subscriber Converters those are not busy by customers; a Video-Server comprises high speed digital interface port connected to said Multiplexer, and Demultiplexer coupled to data exchange device to provide Cable-TV service to each subscriber premise.

10 13. A communication system of claim 10 , further comprising :

A Fiber Opto-Receiver placed into Local Box and connected by fiber to Distribution Box of high-speed data service Provider ; and

A Video-Server placed into said Local Box and connected to each Subscriber Converter by said digital interface port; a Video-Server comprises a big capacity memory device that is able to store number of video films and data exchange device that is able to support data exchange between any Subscriber Converter and said memory device; a Video-Server comprises high speed digital interface port connected to said Fiber Opto-Receiver, and Demultiplexer coupled to data exchange device to provide high-speed data service to each subscriber premise.

20 14. A method of data and voice communication over existing telephone subscriber local loop, said method comprising:

using xDSL line signals and duplex communication protocol with Frequency Division Multiplexing on cable part of said telephone subscriber local loop,

25 using HPN line signals and half-duplex communication protocol with Time Division Multiplexing on into-building part of telephone subscriber local loop,

separating xDSL and HPN signals in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

conversion of xDSL line signals to HPN line signals and vice versa in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

conversion of duplex communication protocol with Frequency Division Multiplexing to half-duplex communication protocol with Time Division Multiplexing in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

direct connection between cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop for DC and low frequency voice signals .

10 15. A method of data and voice communication over existing telephone subscriber local loop, said method comprising:

using ADSL line signals and duplex communication protocol with Frequency Division Multiplexing on cable part of said telephone subscriber local loop,

15 using HPNA-2 line signals and half-duplex communication protocol with Time Division Multiplexing on into-building part of telephone subscriber local loop,

separating ADSL and HPNA-2 signals in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

20 conversion of ADSL line signals to HPNA-2 line signals and vice versa in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

conversion of duplex communication protocol with Frequency Division Multiplexing to half-duplex communication protocol with Time Division Multiplexing in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

25 direct connection between cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop for DC and low frequency voice signals .

16. A method of data and voice communication over existing telephone subscriber local loop, said method comprising:

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using VDSL line signals and duplex communication protocol with Frequency Division Multiplexing on cable part of said telephone subscriber local loop,

using HPNA-3 line signals and half-duplex communication protocol with Time Division Multiplexing on into-building part of telephone subscriber local loop,

separating VDSL and HPNA-3 signals in the point of connection cable part and into-building part of the same telephone subscriber local loop,

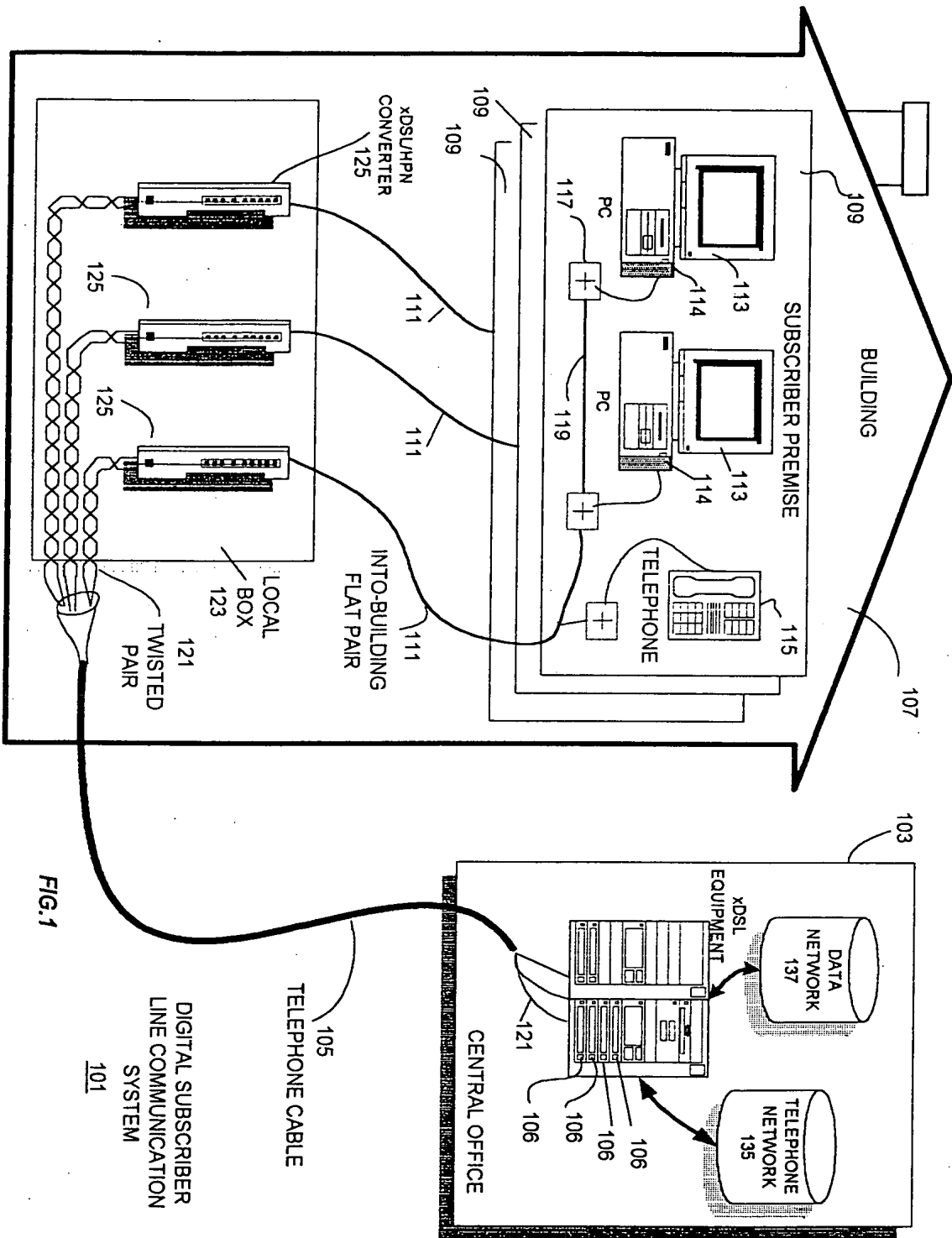
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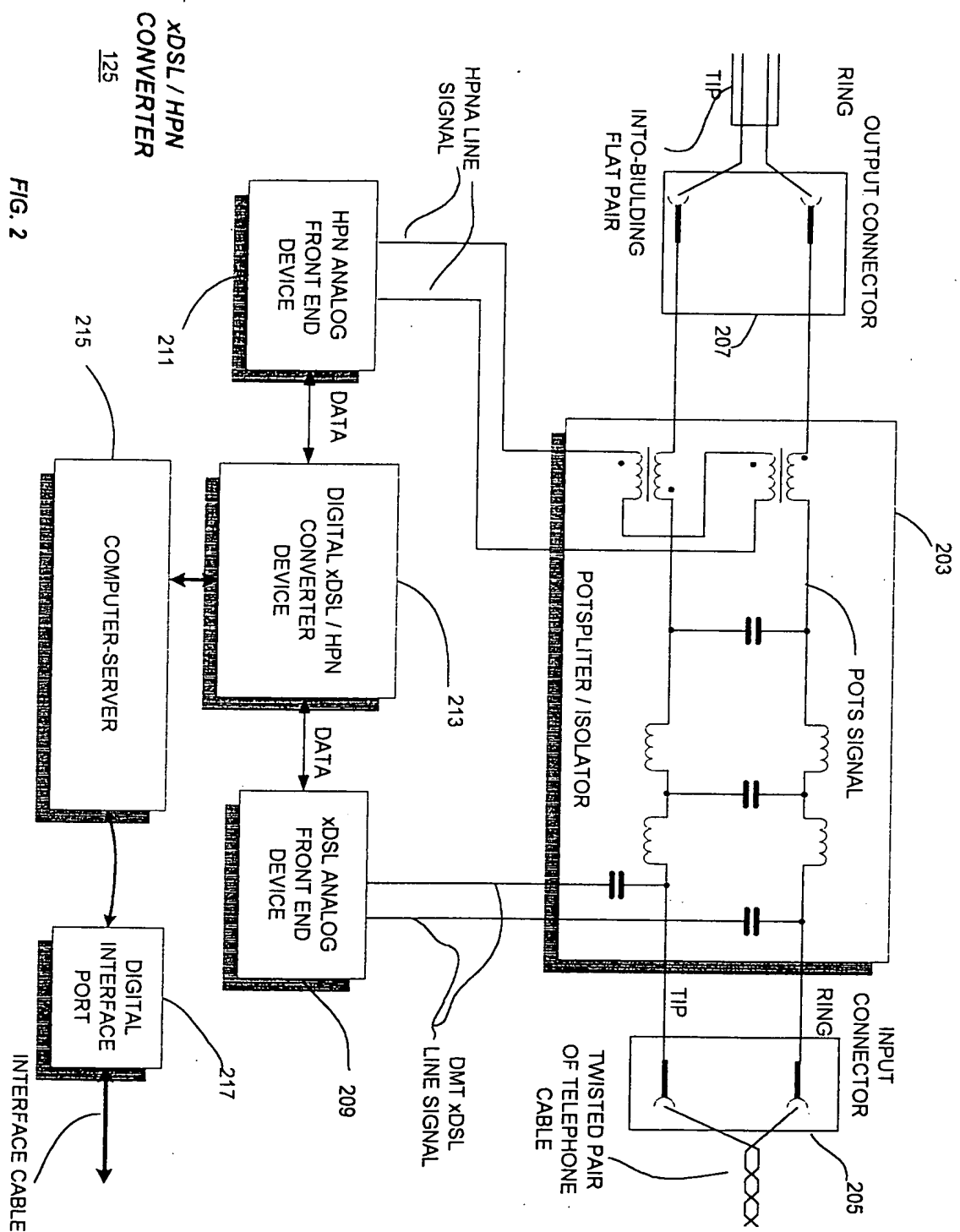
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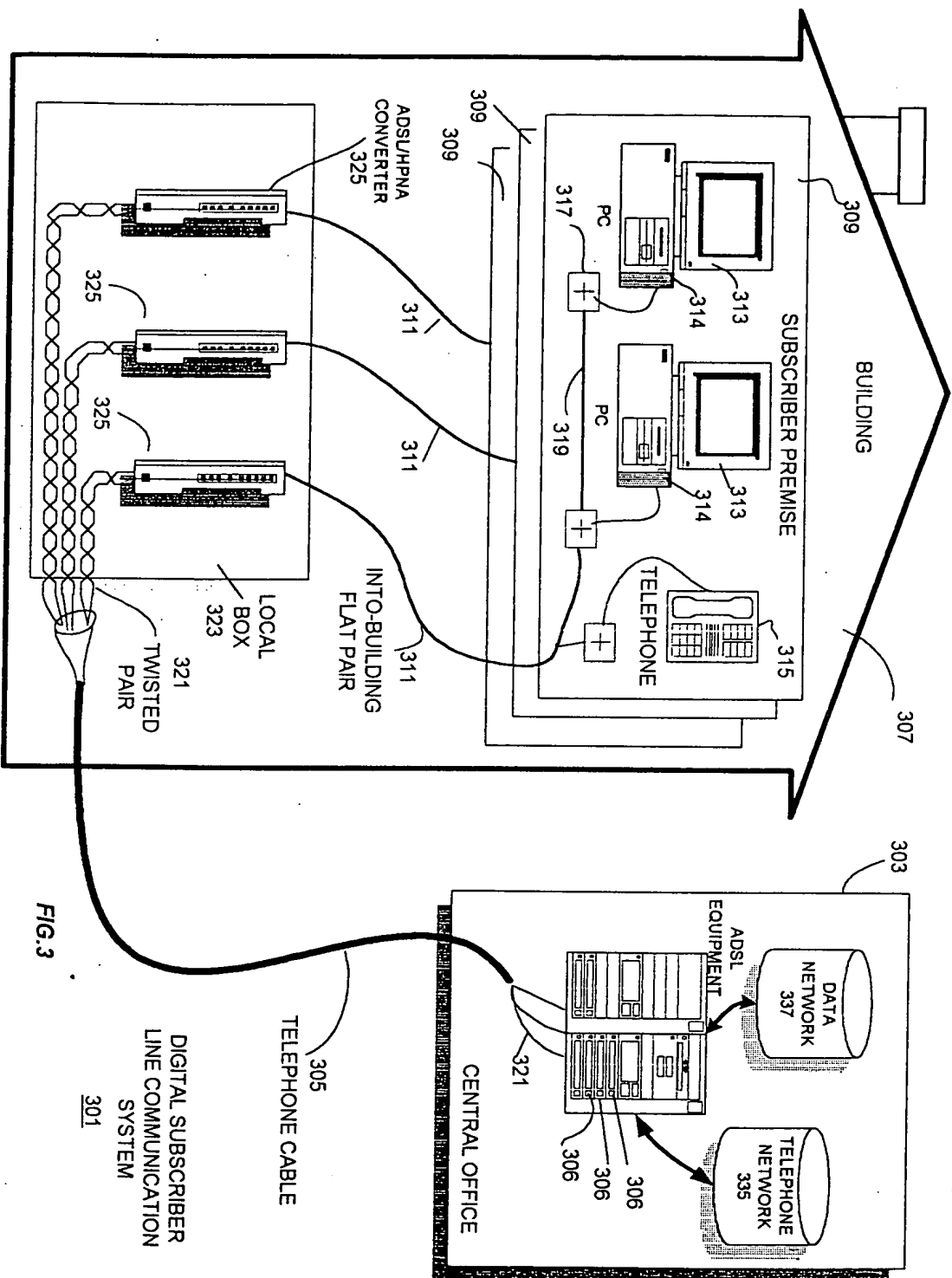
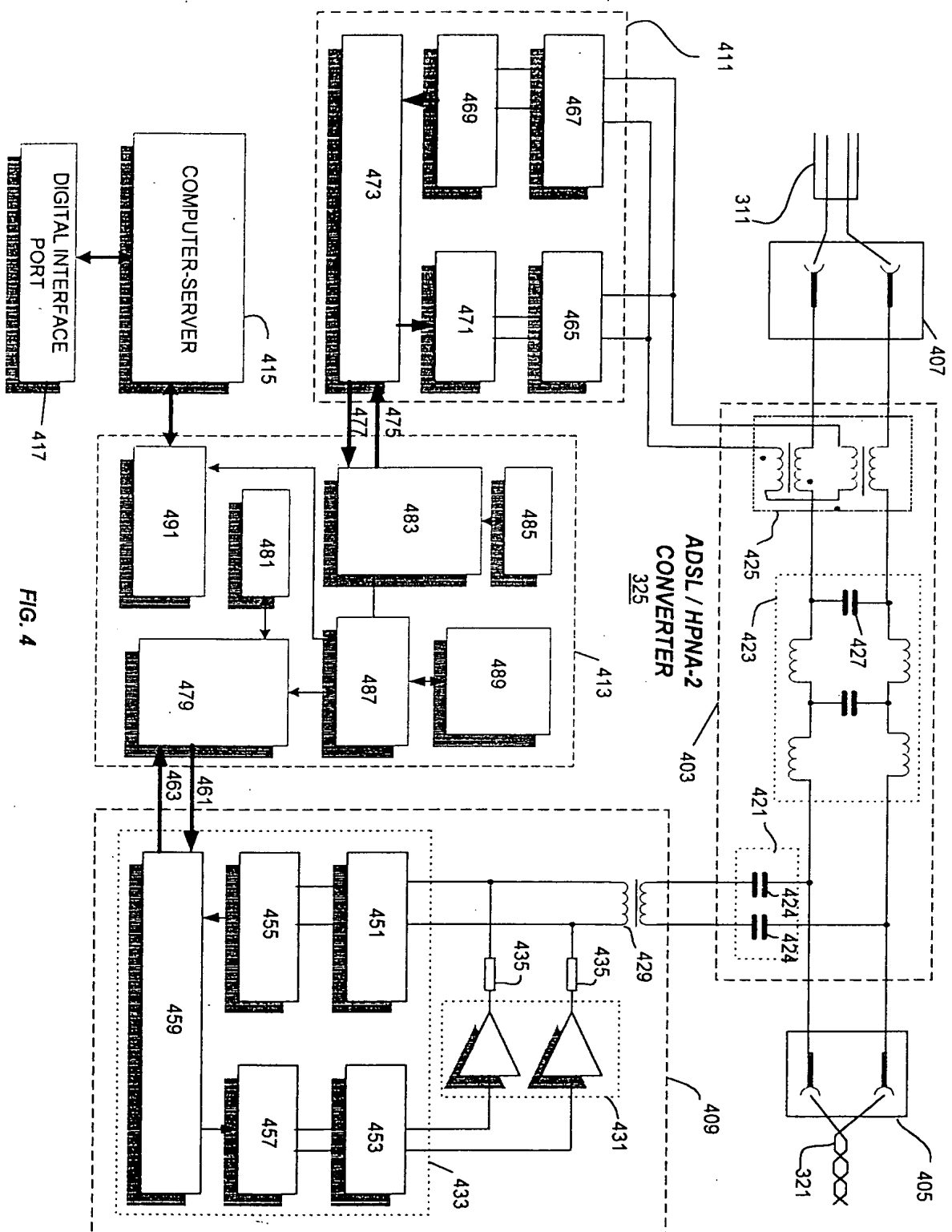


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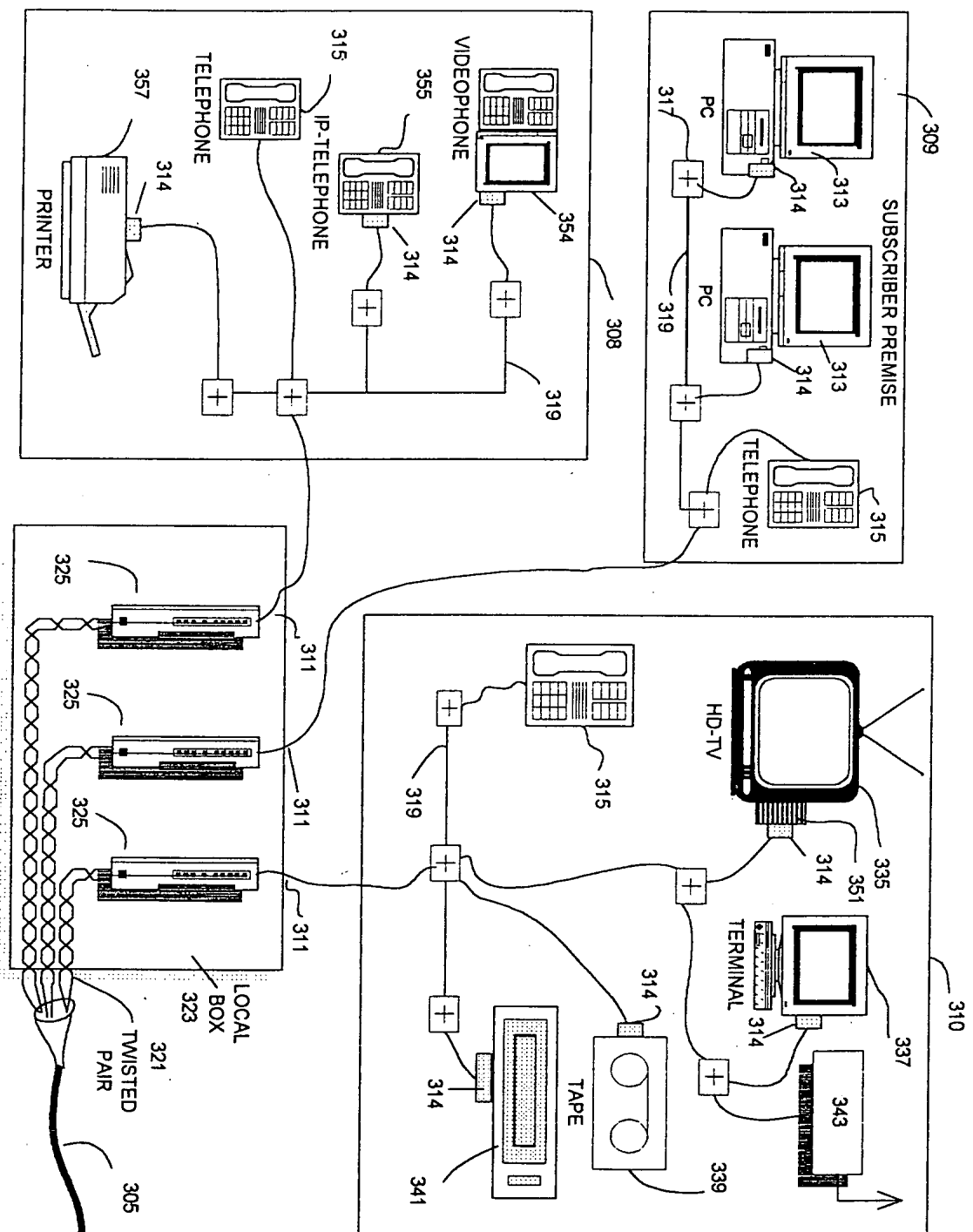


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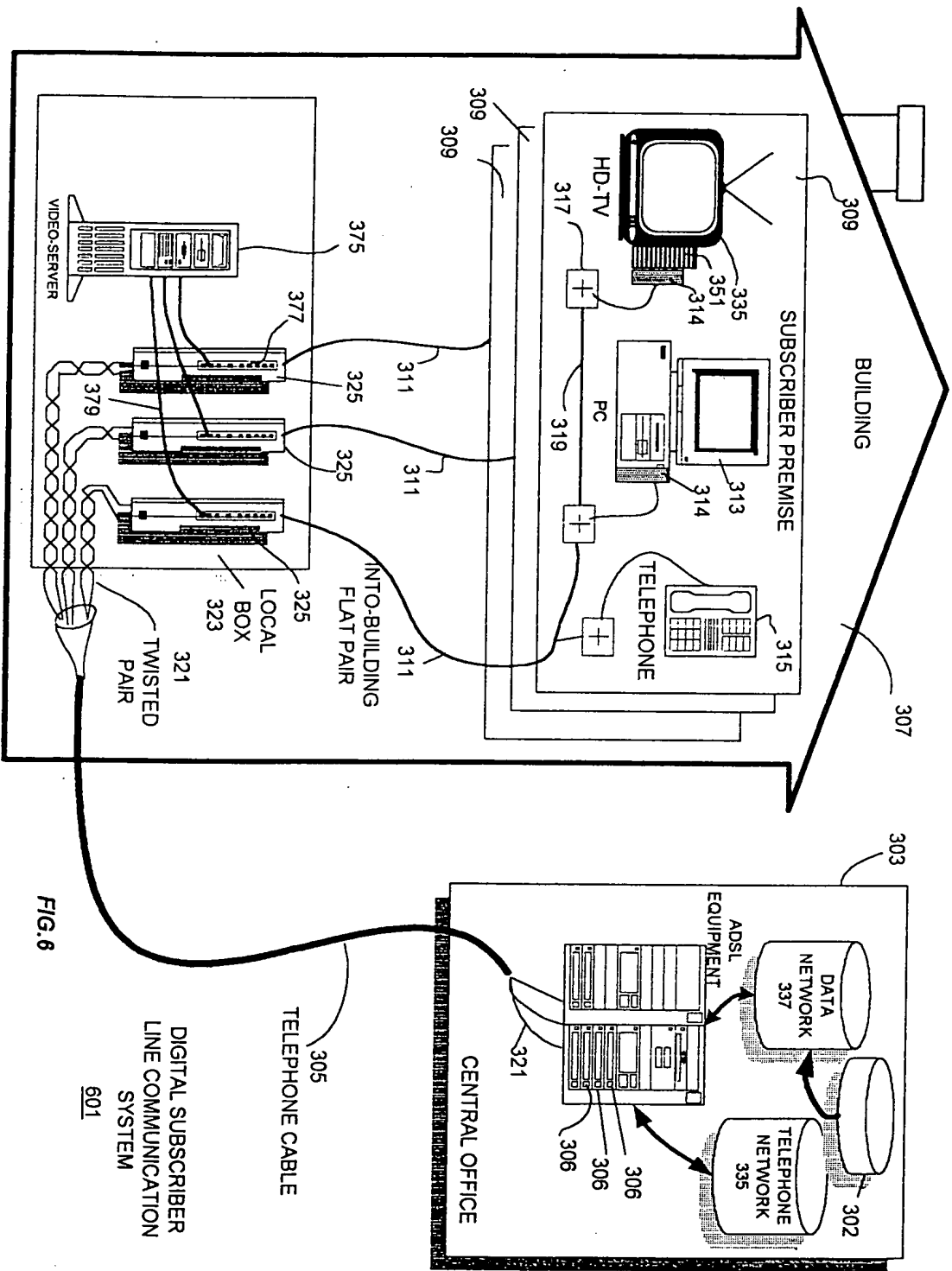


FIG. 6

DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER
LINE COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM
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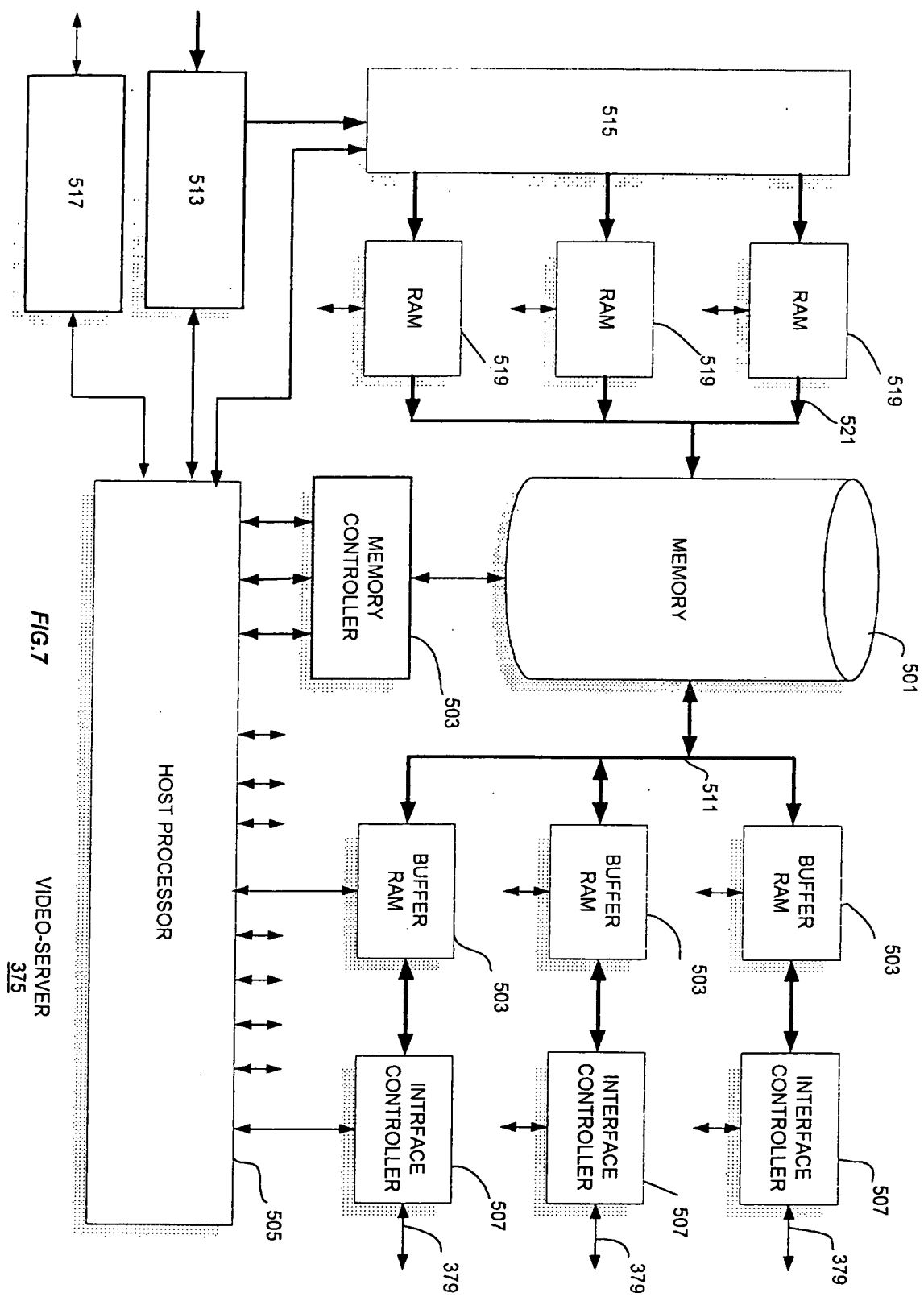
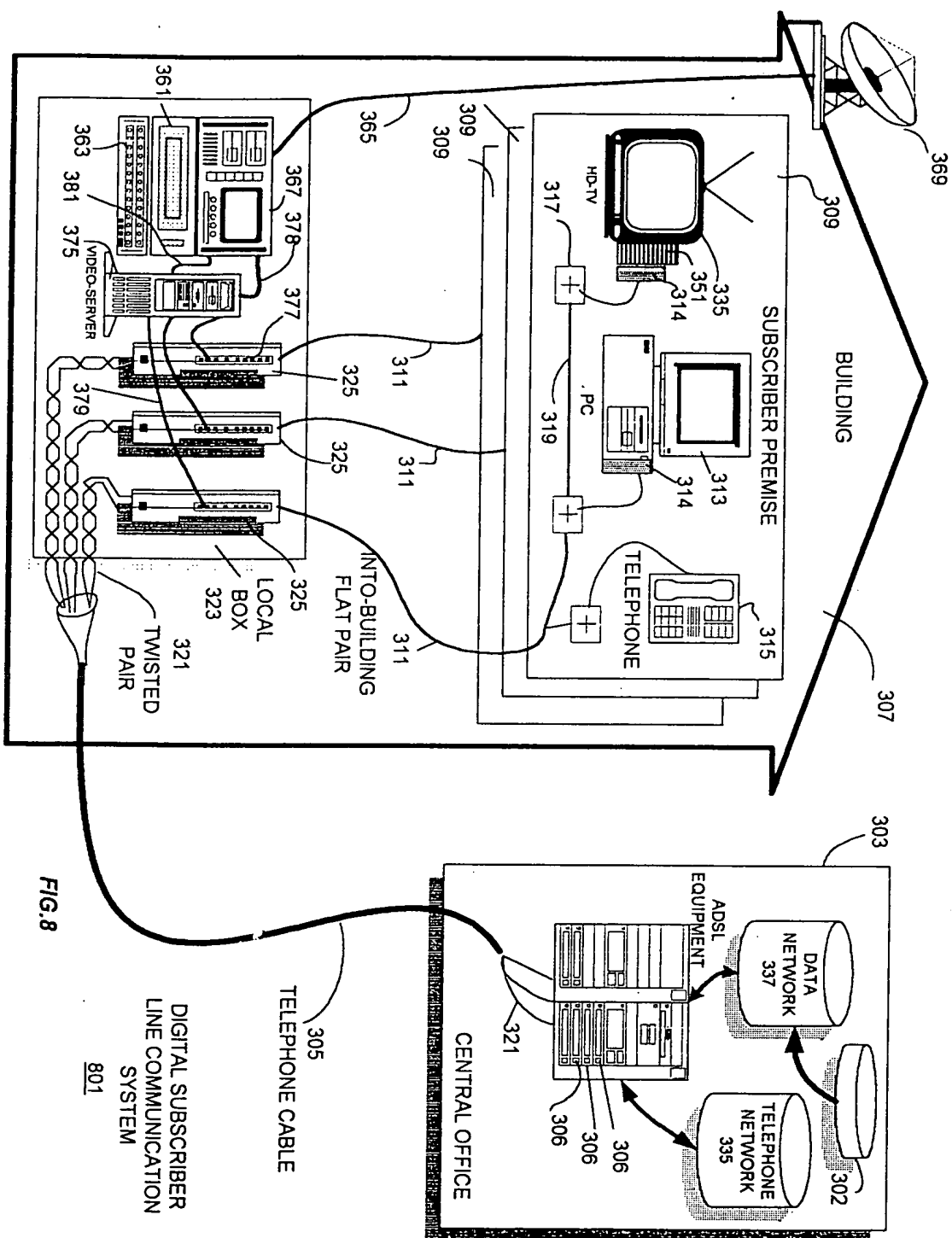


FIG. 7
VIDEO-SERVER
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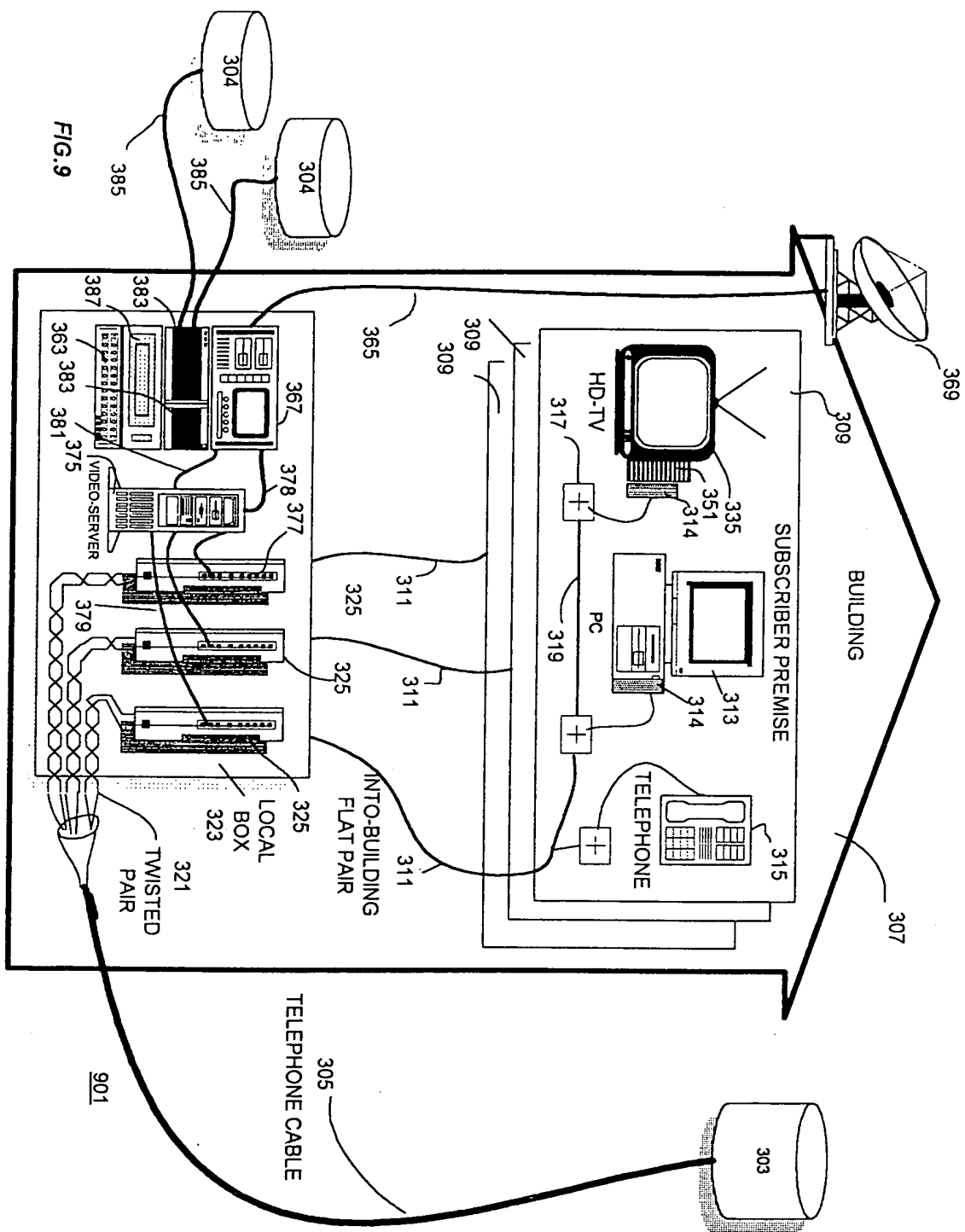


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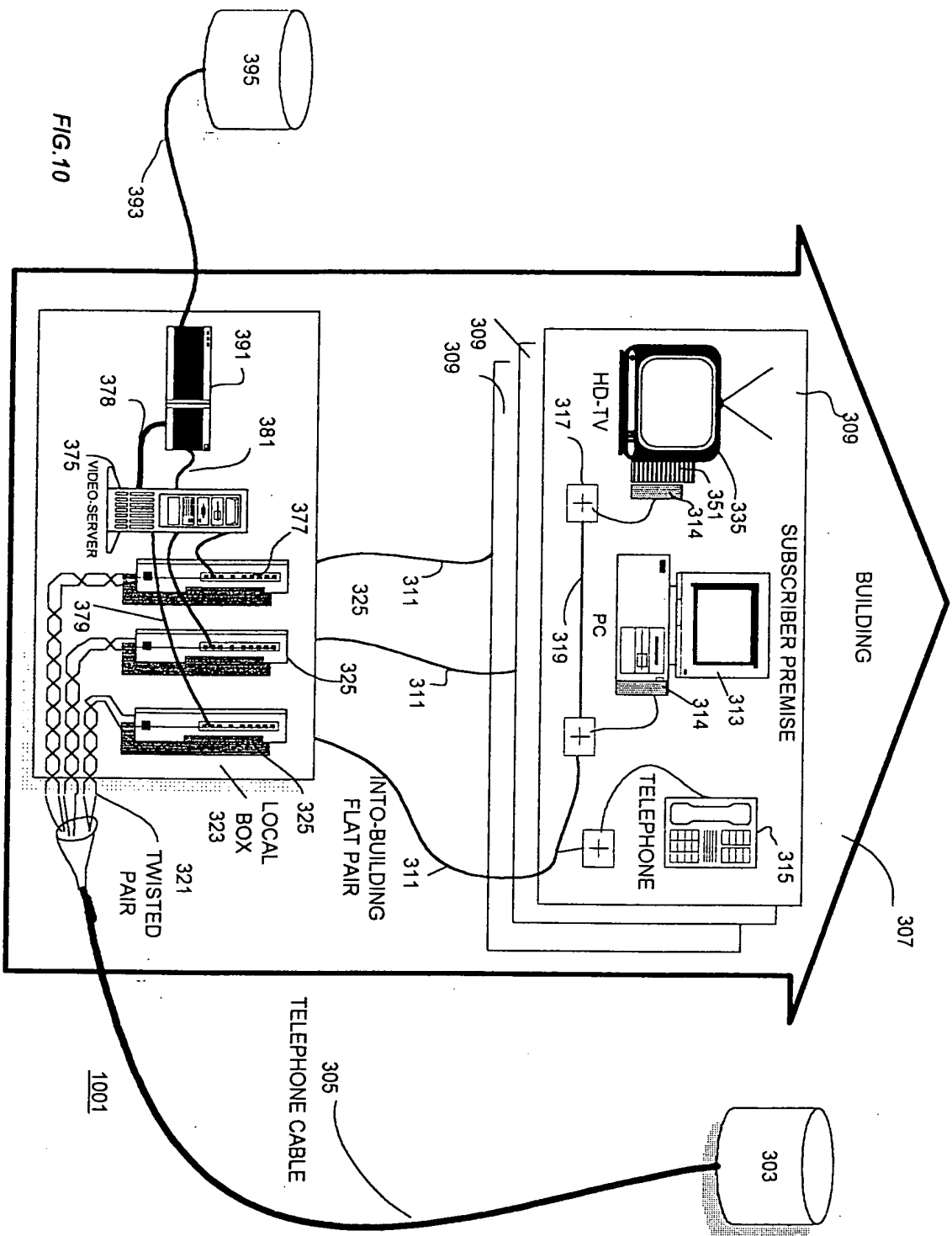


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